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Max. (Dec. 27)	44
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Precipitation last 24 hours	0.00
Stream year to date	6.40
Forecast: Snow	
Friday Shooting Hours	
Oregon: Open	7:30
Tri-State: Open	8:00
Close	5:17
Close	5:43

Army Seizes Ward Stores

SOVIET BLOWS SEND DOOMED NAZIS REELING

Garrison Takes Post On Inner Ring Of Budapest

By EDIE GILMORE
MOSCOW, Dec. 28 (AP)—A doomed Nazi garrison reeled backward in the smoke-filled streets of western Budapest today but clung with suicidal resistance to positions in the eastern sector of the capital.

A Berlin broadcast monitored in London said early today that the German garrison in Budapest "has taken up positions on an inner defense ring of the capital" after several Russian penetrations of the German-Hungarian lines.

Three-Way Attacks
"The Russians are now attacking from the southeast," (Continued on Page Two)



Rollo England, United States navy, threatens pretty Eunice Foster of the Herald and News circulation department with a fat snowball in the midst of Thursday morning's snowstorm. England, former Herald and News employe, is home from Whitman college at Walla Walla, Wash., where he is stationed under the navy's V-12 program. He's lending a hand during his leave, in the engraving department.

SEWELL AVERY SAYS ACTION VIOLATES LAW

Portland Unit Taken Over by U. S. Forces

CHICAGO, Dec. 28 (AP)—The army seized Montgomery Ward and company properties in seven cities today under a presidential executive order.

President Roosevelt said the government "can not and will not tolerate any interference with war production in this critical hour."

He said Montgomery Ward would not be allowed to set aside government wartime policies "just because Mr. Sewell Avery does not approve of the government's procedure."

Avery Protests
Sewell Avery, chairman of the board of Montgomery Ward and company, today said Ward's "cannot in good citizenship accept or obey" army seizure of its facilities in seven cities ordered by President Roosevelt and carried out earlier in the day.

Avery declared in a statement that the action was "a violation of the constitution and the congress, which is the sole law-making authority under the constitution, has given the president no power to seize the non-war business of Montgomery Ward."

Task Forces Trade Blows In South Pacific

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Dec. 28 (AP)—Heavy guns of Japanese and American naval task forces traded raiding blows Tuesday and Wednesday on island bases 1500 miles apart but the Nipponese came off worst, with three destroyers sunk, a battleship and cruiser damaged.

Two United States warships of undisclosed type were dealt heavy blows.

The Japanese shelled Mindoro, central Philippines, from the China sea Tuesday night, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

The Americans, making their third appearance this month within 750 miles of Tokyo, bombed Iwo Jima, Volcano Island, from the Pacific Tuesday, U. S. date, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced yesterday at Pearl Harbor. That is Wednesday in the time zone where the attack occurred.

Fruitless Shelling
The enemy warships—a battleship, cruiser and six destroyers—accomplished "some fruitless and inaccurate shelling" of the Iwo Jima scene on southwest Mindoro, MacArthur said. From the time the warships approached at dusk until they withdrew around midnight, they were under attack by Mindoro-based Mitchell bombers and Thunderbolt fighters and by swift patrol-torpedo boats.

Japanese communiques today said the naval units bombarded "the enemy (San Jose) air field and munitions dump and left the nearby area in a veritable sea of fire."

The broadcast, recorded by the federal communications commission, said one destroyer was "heavily damaged."

Attack Convoy
The communique claimed that on the same night Japanese naval craft off San Jose attacked a United States convoy, sinking four transports, a torpedo boat and two smaller vessels.

Nimitz said the American task force, coordinating its attack with planes of the strategic air force, Pacific ocean areas, pounded coastal and air-strip installations at Iwo Jima, set a landing ship afire and blew up a gunboat. Enemy coastal guns scored the hits on the warship.

Airfields Pounded
The Yanks have an air base on Mindoro within a half hour's flying time of Manila, whose airfields, MacArthur disclosed today, were blasted Tuesday by the fifth straight day by carrier-based bombers with a fighter escort.

Two Jims, taking its 20th straight day of aerial neutralization while the warships shelled it, is the air base from which the enemy has sent planes 750 miles south to Saipan in an attempt to knock out the takeoff point for B-29s raiding Japan.

The Japanese air force raided (Continued on Page Two)

U. S. FORCES SLASH AHEAD FOR JUNCTION

Relief Corridor to Bastogne Area Holds Firm

By JAMES M. LONG
PARIS, Dec. 28 (AP)—American forces cutting into both sides of the Von Rundstedt bulge at its thinnest neck have fought to within less than 20 miles of a junction, 36-hour old reports from the front said tonight.

LONDON, Dec. 28 (AP)—The German radio announced tonight that Field Marshal Von Rundstedt's spearheads both to the west of the breakthrough area in Belgium and on the southern flank have been "withdrawn according to plan" before heavy American counterattacks.

The whole southern flank of the enemy, salient from Bastogne to the German border yielded slowly to hammering. Doughboys and tanks crossed the Sure river at four places and threw the enemy back into the reich at two places in the Echnernach area at the eastern end of the wedge.

The razor-thin relief corridor to epic Bastogne held firm against German infantry and armored attack.

Showed Back
The Germans were buffeted back further in hard fighting (Continued on Page Two)

RECOGNITION OF LUBLIN GROUP EYED

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP)—Word spread today that Russia is about ready to recognize the Polish committee of liberation in Lublin as the provisional government of Poland.

Premier Stalin reportedly considers this action necessary to military moves imminent on the eastern front.

Both Washington and London so far have recognized the Polish government in exile at London, at the same time urging that it recognize its differences with Russia over the Russo-Polish boundary.

Information in diplomatic quarters here now indicates the following as probable, although not certain, developments:

1. The soviet-backed Lublin committee, which Washington officials do not consider representative of the people of Poland, is expected to declare itself to be a provisional government.
2. Moscow reports yesterday said this action might be taken before the year-end.
3. Russia would then recognize the committee's claim to provisional status, thereby giving it a diplomatic position in opposition to the position thus far held exclusively by the Polish government at London.
4. Russia's declaration of recognition would be followed in short order by declarations by various European countries with influence in the Russian sphere of influence, probably starting off with Czechoslovakia.

U. S., Britain Query Russia

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP)—The United States and Great Britain are asking Russia to explain in detail the removal of equipment from the oil fields of Romania to the Soviet Union.

Officials here said no criticism of Russia's action in seizing the equipment is implied. Washington and London are merely trying to get at the facts of a very confused situation, it was explained.

Germans Continue Strong Counterattacks in Italy

ROME, Dec. 28 (AP)—German forces are continuing their counterattacks in the Serchio valley sector on the western flank of the Italian front and fifth army troops have made further withdrawals in that area, allied headquarters announced today.

The town of Barga, captured a month ago by the fifth army, was enveloped in the German counterassault that struck out a six mile front on each side of the Serchio.

Barga is a mile and a half east of the river and about 15 miles north of the city of Lucca, capital of Tuscany.

Artillery Support
The Nazi drive through the valley flatlands and the flanking mountains was supported by light artillery.

Meanwhile, eighth army troops in the Adriatic sector fanned out along the east bank of the Senio river and slashed into fortified German positions at Alfonsine, nine miles northwest of Ravenna.

Mortar Fire
Allied patrols ran into heavy German mortar fire in the area north of Bagacavallo. South were being mopped up all the way to captured Faenza, on the Bologna-Rimini highway.

Allied positions below Monte Sole, 12 miles south of Bologna, underwent several attacks by the Germans who were repulsed with a number of casualties. Heavy enemy guns fired on allied positions at Monte Grande, south of Bologna.

The extent of the American withdrawal in the Serchio river section was not given, but it was known that the doughboys had been at least a mile above Barga two weeks ago.

RAID PUMMELS JAP AIRCRAFT FACTORY

By VERN HAUGLAND
SAIPAN, Dec. 28 (AP)—Superfortress bombs, streaking out of a clear sky, pummeled a surprised Tokyo for an hour and a half Wednesday, and one returning pilot said his formation alone laid a pattern of explosives two blocks wide and seven long across an important industrial area where no missile "could fail to hit a target."

The Musshima factory of the Nakajima aircraft company was the primary target but the first B-29 formation, led by Capt. Vance Black of Fairfax, Okla., and pushed by a terrific tailwind, overshoot the plant. Nevertheless they said they apparently hit the factory some- (Continued on Page Four)

Portland Police, Gypsies Both Wait Anxiously

PORTLAND, Dec. 28 (AP)—The gypsies whom the OPA gave gasoline to travel southward were still waiting here today—and so, anxiously, was the police department.

"So much packing to do," said a gypsy spokesman. "And some of the kids are sick. And the car, she's gotta be fixed and we gotta have enough money to eat on while we travel and—"

"And you had better get going pretty quick," replied the police, whose requests—through Mayor Riley—obtained extra gasoline for the gypsies to leave Portland.

Bastogne Garrison Replies In One Word to Ultimatum

By EDWARD D. BALL
WITH U. S. FORCES, Dec. 28 (AP)—The siege of the gallant Bastogne garrison had been broken, and part of its story can be told today.

The heroic American garrison pointed its artillery, machineguns and mortars in all directions after their commander sent a curt one-word reply—"Nuts!"—to the Germans' surrender ultimatum.

"We were shooting like hell, all the time," said Pvt. Leonard Candelora of Charlestown, Mass., who helped medical corps men when a sprained ankle put him out of the fighting. "And the Germans were giving it back with interest."

Used Five Divisions
(Supreme headquarters said the unsuccessful German siege tried the better part of five divisions, and that 87 German tanks were knocked out in attempted penetrations of American positions. The Bastogne siege was lifted after seven days at the crossroads.)

Greeks Agree to Formation Of Regency to End Strife

ATHENS, Dec. 28 (AP)—Warring Greek political factions were agreed today to formation of a regency in a step towards peace, as British military authorities reported a withdrawal of some 10,000 men from Athens to positions on highways leading into the city.

CHURCHILL LEAVES LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 28 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill and Foreign Secretary Eden have left Athens for London to urge King George II of Greece to approve creation of a Grecian regency. BBC's correspondent in Athens reported today.

Oregon May Hit Bond Quota Soon

PORTLAND, Dec. 28 (AP)—Oregon, with only \$600,000 to go, may reach its E bond goal today, drive officials predicted.

The total E bond sales stood at \$33,413,517 of a \$34,000,000 quota. Multnomah county was still \$2,725,965 short of a \$19,000,000 E bond goal.

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when a U. S. tank force blasted through to a link-up with the garrison, and now was holding a firm but narrow relief corridor, headquarters said.

"No wonder the Germans fought so hard to get Bastogne," Candelora remarked. "Look at the map. It's the hub of seven highways and one railroad and they had to have it if they were to keep going."

When the German commander sent over his ultimatum, dated December 22, he gave the Americans two hours in which to decide. The reply came in 30 minutes.

The ultimatum said:

Ultimatum
"To the USA commander of the encircled town of Bastogne: The fortune of war is changing. This time USA forces in and near Bastogne have been encircled by strong German armored units. More German armored units have crossed the river Ourthe near Morthouville, (Continued on Page Four)

Gallup Quizzed by House Investigating Committee

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP)—Dr. George C. Gallup testified today his early campaign samplings showed President Roosevelt with more popular vote strength than was reported in his Gallup poll.

The samplings, he said, showed a civilian vote trend of 53 per cent for Mr. Roosevelt and 47 per cent for Gov. Thomas E. Dewey. Gallup added that he discontinued the Roosevelt edge two per cent because he expected a light vote.

Abandons Discount
When registration figures began indicating a heavy vote he abandoned the discount, the poll taker told the house campaign investigating committee, adding that his percentage predictions remained the same because "there was a definite Dewey trend."

Gallup consistently reported a close election in the 1944 campaign until his final report when he forecast a Roosevelt victory.

"Was that last forecast based on your personal judgment rather than poll results?" asked Rep. Brown (R-Ohio).

Late Information
Gallup said the final results were based on information that reached him only a few days before the election—too late to be included in earlier tabulations.

Chairman Anderson (D-N.M.), asked Gallup why his poll under-predicted President Roosevelt's popular vote strength in all but one of 13 states which cast more than 1,000,000 votes.

The witness replied that one of his problems of the 1944 campaign was the voting intention of migrant war workers.

"We didn't take the migrant vote wholly into account," he said. "The PAC (CIO political action committee) really did a good job in those states."

SNOW BLANKETS KLAMATH BASIN

Coming on the heels of a strong south wind which whipped the basin for almost 24 hours, a heavy blanket of snow whitened the Klamath area to a depth varying from three to 10 inches.

The Greensprings, Quartz mountain and The Dalles-California routes were heavily covered and it was still snowing hard, according to a report from the Oregon state highway department. All curves had been sanded by crews stationed at various points along the way but chains were necessary for all cars and those not using chains were urged to carry them.

Flying Curtailed
Flying was curtailed at the Klamath naval air station as of Wednesday, when too much wind grounded the planes. With Thursday's snow, all flying was called off due to visibility, although equipment is standing by to clear the runways should the weather clear, officials stated.

At the Marine Barracks, more than four inches of snow covered the post at 11 a. m. and it was snowing heavily at that installation which is 800 feet higher than Klamath Falls.

Plows Ready
Plows, including the giant Sno-Go's, were ready for use at highway depots, and highway men said that the big fellows might be brought out if the present fall continued for any length of time.

The U. S. weatherman forecast more grounded in the mountain area with slightly colder temperatures.

Loggers Strike In Sutherland

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 28 (AP)—Approximately 150 workmen in the mill and logging camp of the Springfield Plywood company plant at Sutherland were idle today in protest to a war labor board order cutting wages from 10 to 30 cents per hour in various classifications.

Frank Norris, manager, and Sam James, labor conciliator, were in Portland today meeting with WLB representatives in an effort to obtain a wage adjustment.

It was expected that logging and mill operations at the Sutherland plant would be halted for a week or more as a result of the disagreement.

Stockmen, OPA Eye Ceilings

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 28 (AP)—Office of price administration officials from Washington met with 25 members of the advisory committee of the livestock industry of the middlewest today to discuss the proposed price ceiling schedule on live cattle.

The group met in executive session, with only members of the committees and growers and feeders being permitted to attend.

John J. Madigan, Washington, OPA assistant director of food prices, said before the meeting he doubted whether he would be permitted to disclose the proposed price ceilings at the close of the session here. He said the ceiling figures probably would be disclosed later from Washington.

Heavy Quake Damage Caused

By The Associated Press
An indication that heavy damage may have been caused in Japan by the December 7 earthquake, although Japanese broadcasts previously had given no such impression, came from the Tokyo radio today.

A broadcast recorded by FCC said the Japanese government had decided to grant "total exemption or postponement" of income and house taxes to corporations and individuals "who suffered losses" in the "fire and tidal waves resulting from the quake."

It will be the first time, Tokyo reported, that Japanese corporations have been included as beneficiaries of such an action.

Japs Say Tokyo Bombed Again

By The Associated Press
A Japanese broadcast said a "minor formation" of Superfortresses dropped incendiaries on Ibaraki prefecture north of Tokyo today.

The broadcast, recorded by the federal communications commission, said the Saipan-based B-29s were kept from the Tokyo area by the "might of our crack units."

FCC monitors reported a Japanese radio station, apparently on Kyushu island, sounded an air raid alert at 8:27 p. m. (Tokyo time). All raids on Kyushu have been carried out by China-based B-29s.

USS Seawolf Presumed Lost

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP)—The U. S. submarine Seawolf is overdue from patrol and presumed lost.

The navy's announcement today said the vessel was under command of Lt. Comdr. Albert M. Bonlier, of White Plains, New York, who is listed as missing.

The 1500-ton submersible was of a class which normally carries a complement of 62 men. No announcement was made of the number lost, but the navy said next of kin of all casualties had been informed.

Seaman Admits Slaying Heiress

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28 (AP)—Nat J. L. Pieper, FBI chief here, today said an ex-seaman in the U. S. navy had volunteered a confession he killed Georgette Bauerdorf, oil heiress, in Los Angeles.

He was carrying a picture of Miss Bauerdorf, Pieper said. The man was immediately turned over to police.

Inspectors William Hansen and Louis Lang reported after talking to the man, who gave his name as John Lehman Sumter, 22, that it appeared he had been discharged from the navy in 1940 after treatment as a mental patient. They expressed some skepticism about the confession.

Bastogne Men Hailed in London

LONDON, Dec. 28 (AP)—The Evening News today hailed the "101st Airborne" as the "heroes of Bastogne" as the "sons of Britain's Red Devils of Arnhem and among the greatest heroes of the war."

"All America" honored the men of Arnhem, said the editorial. "All Britain today honors the men of Bastogne."

"It was not for the men of Bastogne to ask, as the people at home have asked, why the high command was taken unawares. It was their task to stand firm at the crossroads."